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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF SECRET DETENTION FACILITIES TO BE  
RAISED AT NATO-PA AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETINGS:

1. (SBU) ACCORDING TO THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SPD)  
STAFFER RESPONSIBLE FOR NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (PA)  
ISSUES, THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE PA IS LIKELY TO  
RAISE THE ISSUE OF RUMORS OF SECRET DETENTION FACILITIES  
IN EASTERN EUROPE AT THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 11-15 PA

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MEETING IN COPENHAGEN. THE STAFFER, WHO IS CLOSE TO GERMAN PA DELEGATION HEAD BUNDESTAG MEMBER MARKUS MECKEL, PREDICTS THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF PA DISAPPOINTMENTS/FRUSTRATION OVER CONGRESSMAN HEFLEY'S INABILITY TO FULFILL A PRIOR PROMISE TO ARRANGE A PA VISIT TO GUANTANAMO. (THE STAFFER BELIEVES THAT THE PENTAGON REFUSED TO AUTHORIZE THE PA VISIT.) THE STAFFER ALSO PREDICTS A HEFTY DEBATE ON THE ISSUE AT THE NOVEMBER 25 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, AND OPINED THAT - IF PRESS REPORTS ARE PROVEN ACCURATE - IT WOULD CONSTITUTE A MAJOR VIOLATION OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE REGULATIONS AGAINST ALLOWING SUCH INSTALLATIONS ON THE TERRITORY OF MEMBER STATES.

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